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SWARNA JAYNATHI GRAM SWARAJ YOJANA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to carry out modification in the guidelines for the Swarna Jayanthi Gram Swaraj Yojana (SGSY) to introduce flexibility and easy adaptability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a national level conference has been held in this regard;

(d) whether the Government have stressed the need for making the self-help groups a national movement through the medium of SGSY to help in the development of social sector;

(e) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the extent to which they are likely to help in the development of social sector in rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)&(b): As and when required, modification in the Guidelines of the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is effected with a view to providing flexibility and adaptability. For instance, additional Guidelines have been issued for involvement of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in social mobilization of the poor, training has been made free of cost for the Swarozgaris etc.

(c): A National Conference on `Self Help Group (SHG) Movement in the Country and the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)` was held on 23rd -24th June, 2001 at the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad, in order to ge feedback on the implementation of the Programme to sensitize all the partners regarding the programme and to formulate strategy for its better implementation.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): To form at least one Self Help Group in each habitation by 2004.

(f): It will help the rural poor to get organized, build their capacity, make them self confident, give them a voice, motivate and help them for sustainable self-employment and improvement in the quality of life.